

United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit

Bankruptcy Judgeship Opportunity Eastern District of Washington - Yakima

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit invites applications from highly qualified candidates for the position of Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. Chambers will be in Yakima. The position will be available in October 2005.

The term of office is 14 years with a possible renewal appointment subject to applicable reappointment procedures. The current salary is \$145,452 per annum. No relocation expenses are payable.

The Court of Appeals uses an open and competitive selection process. All applications are screened by a Local Merit Screening Committee which selects a limited number of applicants for interview. The committee also contacts references of the interviewees. From the initial group of interviewees, a small number of applicants is referred for further interviews by a committee of circuit judges which then submits a recommendation to the Court of Appeals. The court's nominated applicant will undergo FBI and IRS background investigations prior to appointment.

Basic qualifications for consideration include: (1) admission to practice before the highest court of at least one state or the District of Columbia; (2) membership in good standing in every bar in which membership is held; and (3) at least five years of legal practice experience (certain other legal experience may be substituted). Applicants are considered without regard to their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

Application forms and more information may be obtained by calling, writing, or faxing a request to the address and telephone numbers listed below. The application may also be downloaded from our website at www.ce9.uscourts.gov (click "document"). The application is quite lengthy, and therefore applicants are advised to allow sufficient time to complete and submit it prior to the submission deadline.

The application form is also available on computer disk from the address listed below (WordPerfect 5.1, or WordPerfect for Windows, versions 6.1, 7 or 8 programs). Applicants electing the application disk must send: (1) a blank 3-1/2" (1.44MB) marked diskette to indicate which program version is desired; and (2) a self-addressed stamped envelope with the application request. Printed application forms (but not disks) are also available at all clerks' offices of all federal courts in the Ninth Circuit. **Applications must be in the format required by the Ninth Circuit.**

Letters of reference are optional, but in order to be considered such letters must be submitted with the original application. Application forms and disks may be obtained from:

<u>Parcel/Express Delivery</u>	<u>U.S. Mail</u>
Office of the Circuit Executive	Office of the Circuit Executive
95 Seventh Street, Suite 429	P.O. Box 193939
San Francisco, CA 94103-1518	San Francisco, CA 94119-3939
Attn: Bankruptcy Recruitment, WAE	Attn: Bankruptcy Recruitment, WAE
Telephone: (415) 556-2000	Fax: (415) 556-6179

Deadline for receipt of all completed application materials: Tuesday, November 30, 2004, 5 p.m.